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Daycare Director Indicted for Fraud

The Executive Director of a Tupelo, MS, child daycare center was indicted April 23, 2009, on nine Federal counts of allegedly defrauding the Corporation for National and Community Service of more than \$25,000 by falsely enrolling several of her employees in the AmeriCorps program.

An OIG investigation found that Floristine Gladney, 57, Executive Director of Tender Care Learning Center, allegedly signed up seven employees in the Mississippi Early Literacy Corps, a program that used AmeriCorps volunteers to tutor three, four and five year olds.

The scheme allowed Mr. Gladney to illegally use Federal funds to supplement her staff. AmeriCorps members under her supervision performed regular staff duties at the day care rather than the tutoring program required under her Federal grant.

If convicted of all nine counts, Gladney, who was released on a \$10,000 bond, could face a Federal prison sentence and a hefty fine.

The OIG investigation was led by Special Agent William Ruley.